

## General Weightman's Professional Reading List

### Preferred reading from Major General George W. Weightman


Our great Army leaders Patton, Eisenhower and MacArthur all considered self-development important and accomplished it with their own focused professional reading program. They used the knowledge to understand their world as it was and to shape their vision of the future.

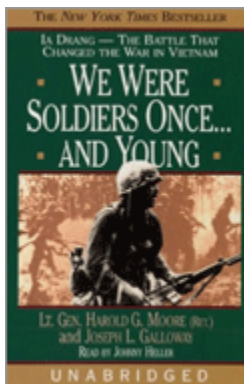
My intent is to provide you with an opportunity to increase your understanding of the foundations of our Army, our AMEDD; the enduring lessons of war and ourselves as individuals and leaders. The topics and time periods included in these books are expansive and are intended to broaden your knowledge and confidence. The stories will not only fill you with pride, but they are also intense and compelling.

I encourage all of you to make a personal commitment to read, reflect, and learn about our profession, learn about other people and take this opportunity to expand your horizons. These books are among my own personal favorites, and I hope you will enjoy them as much as I have. I am convinced that these books are thought provoking, inspiring and interesting, and for these reasons I have made them a part of my leadership development program.

Furthermore, this list was not crafted with just Soldiers in mind; it should be equally valuable to our invaluable Army civilians, contractors and other employees in their professional development.

Enjoy!

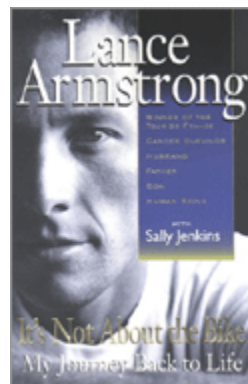
  
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#### **"We Were Soldiers Once...And Young"**

*Written By: LTJG Harold G. Moore (Ret)*

1st Cav Div in the Battle of Ia Drang Valley, 1965, Vietnam's first major combat of conventional US forces against conventional NVN forces. Best account of the realities of close combat and leadership at the small unit level. LTJG Moore details what it takes to build, train and fight a successful unit in combat.



#### **"It's Not About The Bike (My Journey Back To Life)"**

*Written By: Lance Armstrong*

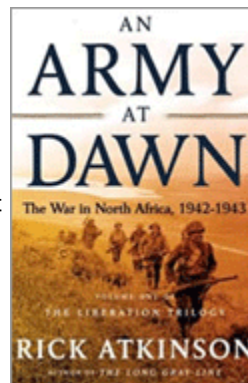
An Autobiography by the world's greatest cyclist who went on to recover from cancer to win the Tour de France a record 7 times. A personal story of this famous athlete's battle with life threatening disease and how it not only rearranged his life's priorities but made him stronger.



#### **"Defeat Into Victory"**

*Written By: Field Marshal Viscount Slim*

A stirring account of the battle of Burma during WWII from the early defeat of the Allied forces by the Japanese, the retreat back to India and the triumphant return to victory. Great account of fighting in the jungles with many medical lessons learned and what it took to defeat the "invincible" Japanese juggernaut.



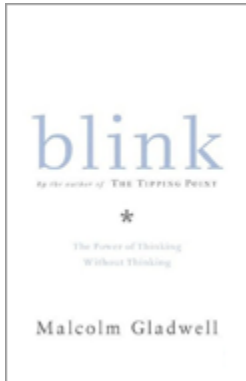
#### **"An Army At Dawn"**

*Written By: Rick Atkinson*

This narrative begins on the eve of Operation TORCH, the daring amphibious invasion of Morocco and Algeria. After three days of hard fighting against the French, American and British troops push deeper into North Africa. But the confidence gained after several early victories soon wanes; once Allied forces engage the Germans, it becomes apparent that they have more than met

their match. Casualties mount rapidly, battle plans prove ineffectual, and hope for a quick and decisive victory

evaporates. The Allies -- particularly the Americans -- discover that they are woefully unprepared to fight and win this war, in part due to lack of experience, in part due to an unwillingness to pay the necessary price in blood. North Africa then becomes a proving ground: it is here that American officers learn how to lead, here that soldiers learn how to hate, here that an entire army learns what it will take to vanquish a formidable enemy.



**"Blink"**

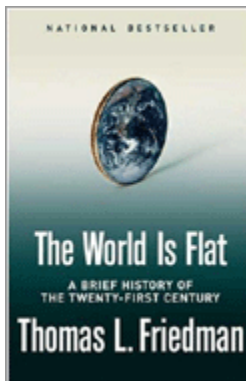
*Written By: Malcom Gladwell*  
An insightful book about how we think without thinking, about choices that seem to be made in an instant - in the blink of an eye - that actually aren't as simple as they seem. Once you read this book you'll understand that much of our "instinctive" feel for a situation is really based upon a tremendous amount of information processed at the subconscious level, and how that can be

manipulated.



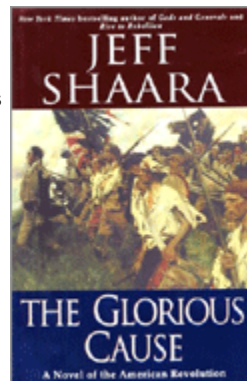
**"Battalion Surgeon"**

*Written By: William M. McConahey, M.D.*  
A 1st hand account of what it was like to be a battalion surgeon on the front line in WW II from D-day to VE Day with the 90th Division, which saw more continuous days in combat than any other division in the war.



**"The World Is Flat"**

*Written By: Thomas L. Friedman*  
A description of globalization, its successes and discontents. Friedman explains how the flattening of the world happened at the dawn of the twenty-first century; what it means to countries, companies, communities, and individuals; and how governments and societies can, and must adapt.



**"The Glorious Cause"**

*Written By: Jeff Shaara*  
A unique and interesting account of the early parts of America's Revolutionary War as told from the personages of George Washington, Nathaniel Greene, Benjamin Franklin, and Lord Charles Cornwallis. Gives insights into both the political and military aspects of our country's fight for independence.